

Wellspring Villages Pilgrimage Walk

Walk the paths between Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone, and Hinton Parva, discovering faith, history, and the beauty of our villages.



Wellspring Villages Pilgrim Walk Saturday, 4 October 2025

- 9:30 am – St Andrew's Church, Wanborough
- 9:45 am – Depart for All Saints, Liddington (Route 1)
- 10:15 am – All Saints, Liddington
- 10:30 am – Depart for St Mary's, Bishopstone (Route 2)
- 12:30 pm – Village Hall, Bishopstone
- 1:30 pm – St Mary's, Bishopstone
- 1:45 pm – Depart for St Swithun's, Hinton Parva (Route 3)
- 2:30 pm – St Swithun's, Hinton Parva
- 2:45 pm – Depart for St Andrew's, Wanborough (Route 4)
- 4:00 pm – St Andrew's, Wanborough
- 4:30 pm – Departure

Saturday, 4 October 2025 - Itinerary

9:30 am – St Andrew’s Church, Wanborough

Begin the day together at St Andrew’s. We’ll share a short service of readings, reflections, and prayers, celebrating the wellspring water from Wanborough.

9:45 am – Depart for All Saints, Liddington (Route 1)

Set off along the first leg of our pilgrimage, walking through the beautiful countryside towards Liddington.

10:15 am – All Saints, Liddington

Arrive at All Saints for a brief time of reflection and prayer, using the wellspring water from Liddington to mark this stop.

10:30 am – Depart for St Mary’s, Bishopstone (Route 2)

Continue our journey, taking in the views and the peace of the Ridgeway and surrounding fields.

12:30 pm – Village Hall, Bishopstone

Pause for a well-earned rest with lunchtime refreshments and a fun duck race before departing for St Mary’s Church.

Walk the paths between Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone, and Hinton Parva, discovering faith, history, and the beauty of our villages.

Join us on the Wellspring Villages Pilgrimage Walk, for the full route or just a portion – every step is welcome, whether you walk a little or the full journey.

1:30 pm – St Mary’s, Bishopstone

Join a short service of readings, reflections and prayers, celebrating the wellspring water from Bishopstone.

1:45 pm – Depart for St Swithun’s, Hinton Parva (Route 3)

Continue our pilgrimage through the rolling fields and lanes towards Hinton Parva.

2:30 pm – St Swithun’s, Hinton Parva

Arrive at St Swithun’s for a reflective time with readings, prayers, and wellspring water from Hinton Parva.

2:45 pm – Depart for St Andrew’s, Wanborough (Route 4)

Begin the final leg of the journey, walking back to St Andrew’s with time to absorb the day and the landscapes around you.

4:00 pm – St Andrew’s, Wanborough

Conclude with a closing symbolic act, reflecting on the journey and the moments shared.

4:30 pm – Departure

The pilgrimage ends, carrying with you the memories, reflections, and blessings of the day.

Wellspring Villages Pilgrimage Walk

A pilgrimage through the four churches of the Wellspring Villages Parish. At each church, there will be a short time of prayer, reflection, and symbolic action, using water drawn from the springs of each village.

Distance	Duration
16.7 km 10.45 mi	04.50
Difficulty	Elevation
Easy	281m

The full pilgrimage covers all four routes in sequence, but each section can also be walked on its own.

The paths combine field tracks, village lanes, and stretches of the Ridgeway, offering a varied and enjoyable walk through the beautiful countryside of our villages.

Route 1 - St Andrew's to All Saints 1.85km/1.15mi
Route 2 - All Saints to St Mary's 8km/5mi
Route 3 - St Mary's to St Swithun's 2.85km/1.8mi
Route 4 - St Swithun's to St Andrew's 4km/2.5mi



1 St Andrew's
Wanborough
SN4 0BZ



3 St Mary's
Bishopstone
SN6 8PY



2 All Saints
Liddington
SN4 0HB



4 St Swithun's
Hinton Parva
SN4 0DL

Wellspring Villages Pilgrimage Walk

Explore the Wellspring Villages Pilgrimage Walk on OS Maps – access the route easily via the app!



The Wellspring Villages Pilgrim Way Walk is a circular pilgrimage linking the four churches of our parish: St Andrew’s, Wanborough; All Saints, Liddington; St Mary’s, Bishopstone; and St Swithun’s, Hinton Parva.

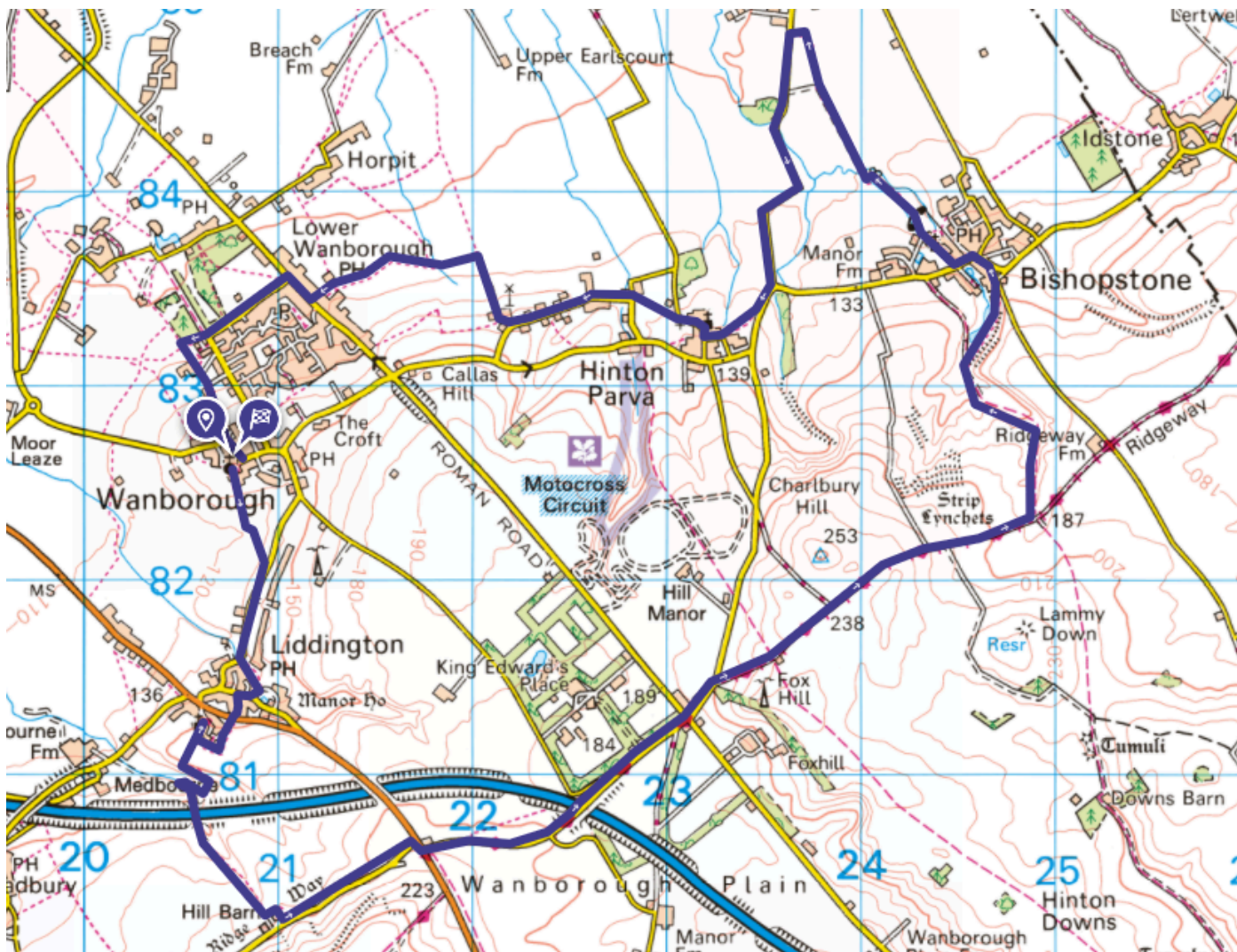
The walk offers time for prayer, reflection, and community, as well as a symbolic act at each church using water drawn from the springs of our villages.

The journey begins at St Andrew’s, Wanborough, where pilgrims set out across fields and footpaths, following Ham Road and Joel Joffe Way to reach All Saints, Liddington. From here, the path follows the ancient Ridgeway, passing beneath the M4 and through Foxhill before continuing along the ridge.

The route then descends through a peaceful valley into Bishopstone, where the walk leads into the heart of the village and to St Mary’s Church.

Leaving Bishopstone, the path winds through field edges, small bridges, and quiet lanes towards Hinton Parva, where St Swithun’s Church rests among the rolling downs.

From there, the final stage leads pilgrims along lanes and farm tracks, through Warneage Wood and up towards Pack Hill, before returning once more to St Andrew’s, Wanborough, completing the circle.



St Andrews Church - All Saints Church

Route Summary

From St Andrew’s Churchyard, Wanborough, follow the footpath through fields and across to Ham Road, passing Liddington Manor and into Spinney Close. Head towards Liddington’s playing field, where All Saints Church appears on the right.

Distance

1.85 km 1.15 mi

Duration

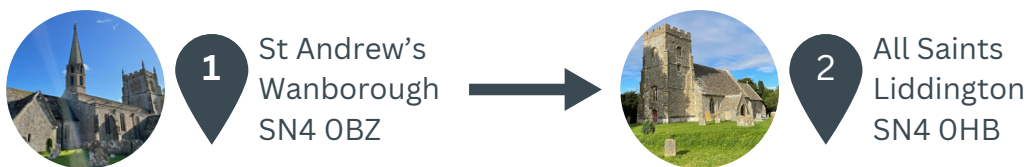
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Difficulty

Easy

Elevation

40 m



Mindful Moments - St Andrew’s to All Saints

As you step into the field at the edge of St Andrew’s graveyard, pause for a moment. Lift your eyes to Liddington village below the clump, and see if you can spot the square tower of All Saints rising above the trees and rooftops.

Take time simply to enjoy the view, and the gift of space and stillness opening up before you today. Breathe deeply, slowly, and let yourself relax.

When you are ready, ease into the gentle rhythm of walking. For a while, set aside the tasks and busyness of life. Instead, notice the beauty of creation around you – the light, the air, the landscape – and receive this moment as a gift.

St Andrews Church - All Saints Church

Route Directions

- From the gate into St Andrew’s churchyard, turn left down the footpath.
- At the bottom of the churchyard, go through the kissing gate.
- Cross the two fields via the faint path to reach the gate onto Ham Road.
- Turn right and follow Ham Road until you reach the Liddington sign.
- Take the footpath on the left, signposted Joel Joffe Way.
- Pass Liddington Manor, then turn right onto the road.
- Turn left into Spinney Close, then right at the footpath sign towards the Ridgeway.
- Cross the main road (right, then left) to join the Ridgeway.
- At the T-junction turn left, go through the kissing gate, then right towards the playing field.
- At the far end of the field, All Saints Church will be on your right.

Distance

1.85 km **1.15** mi

Duration

00.35

Difficulty

Easy

Elevation

40 m

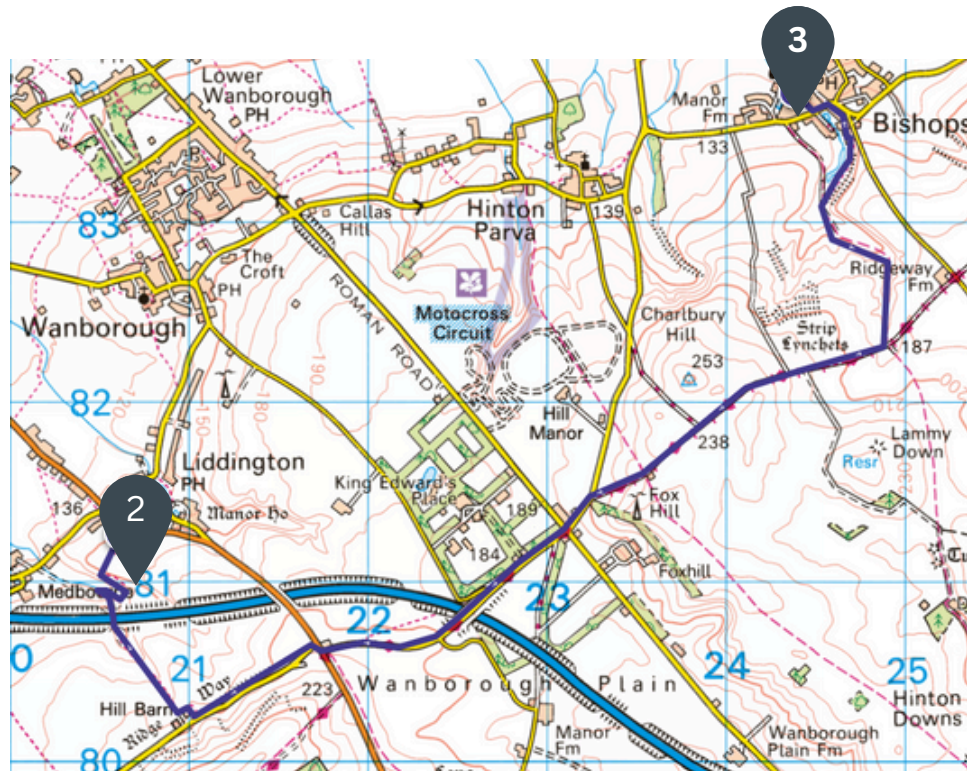
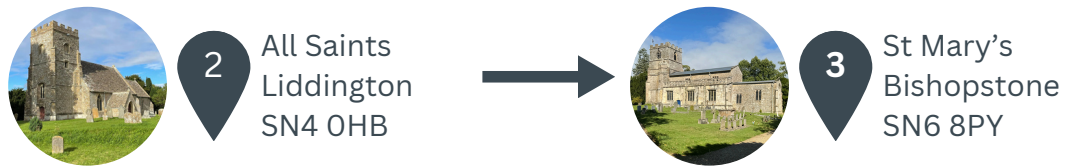


All Saints Church to St Mary's Church

Route Summary

Leave All Saints Church and follow the Ridgeway through fields, under the M4, and along quiet lanes through Foxhill. Descend the valley into Bishopstone, arriving at St Mary's Church in the village centre.

Distance	8 km	5 mi	Duration	2.20
Difficulty	Easy		Elevation	146 m



Mindful Moment - All Saints to St Mary's

As you walk the high Ridgeway path beyond Foxhill, pause at a good viewpoint over the wide Oxford Vale. Stand still for a moment and breathe deeply.

Let the open landscape expand within you, or imagine your heart opening to receive the space and beauty spread before you.

Allow yourself to join in the quiet song of creation – the praise that rises silently from earth and sky, from all that lies before and around you.

All Saints Church to St Mary’s Church

Route Directions

- Leave the churchyard towards the playing field.
- Take the twin gate on your right onto the footpath to the Ridgeway, keeping the metal container and white water tank on your left.
- At the T-junction, turn left under the M4 tunnel and follow the field to the buildings at the top.
- Continue along the field edge, then through the gap onto the road (Ridgeway).
- Caution – Road Section
- Turn left (east) and walk on the right-hand side, facing traffic.
- Stay alert for fast cars; step onto the verge if needed.
- At the blind bend, cross if necessary for safety.
- At the crossroads, turn right, then immediately left towards Foxhill/Bishopstone.
- Switch sides of the road before Foxhill if needed.
- Continue through Foxhill to the Ridgeway signpost.
- Turn right onto the Ridgeway path and follow for about 2 miles.

- At the Bishopstone signpost, turn left down the valley.
- Keep right at gates where the path forks, continuing to the road in Bishopstone.
- Turn left, then sharp left onto the signposted path to the village centre.
- At the T-junction, turn right, then right again past the pond.
- Take the first gravel track, leading to St Mary’s Church.

Distance

8 km

5 mi

Duration

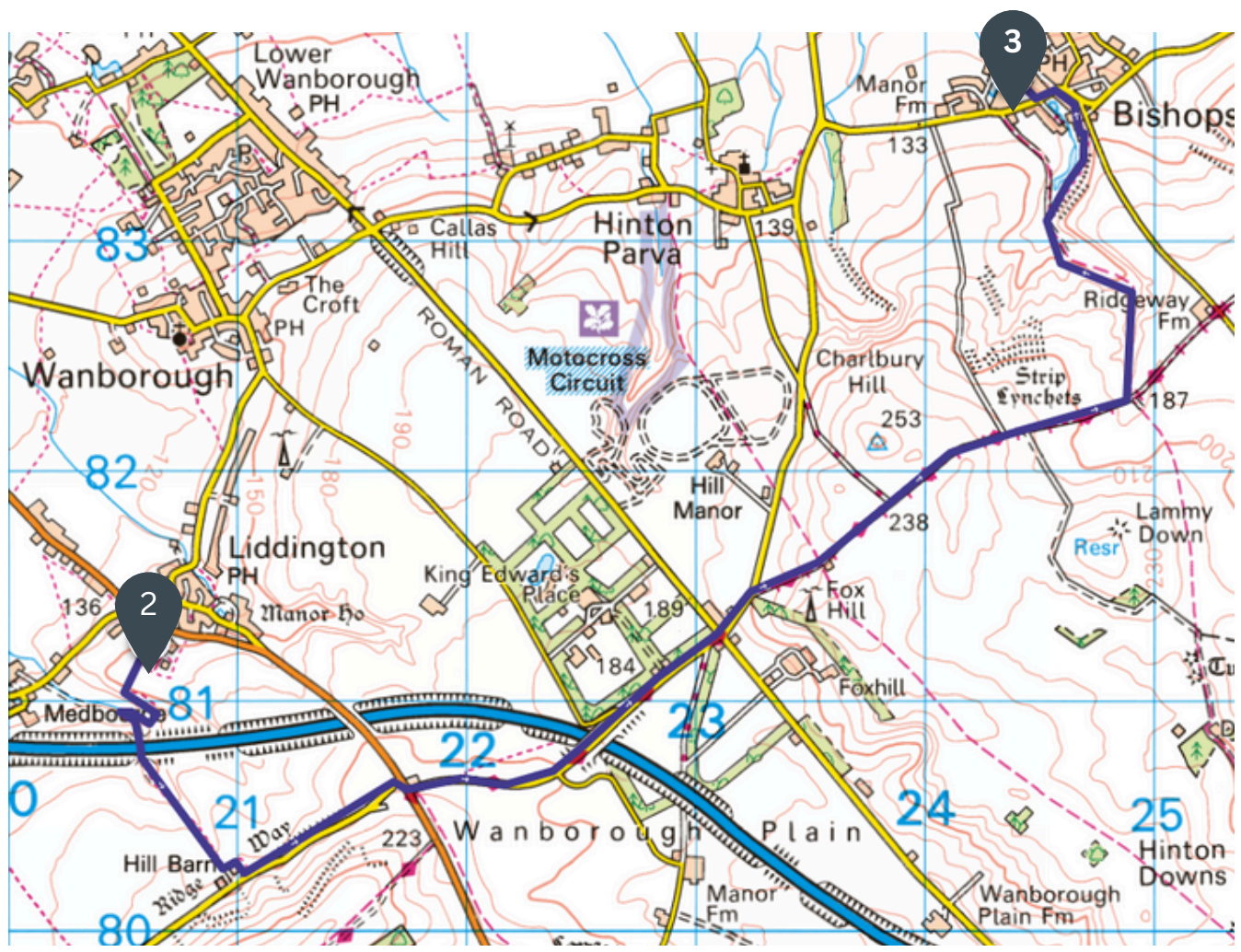
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Difficulty

Easy

Elevation

146 m



St Mary's Church to St Swithun's Church

Route Summary

From St Mary's, follow field paths and quiet lanes up towards Hinton, crossing bridges and walking along field edges. Arrive at St Swithun's Church, Hinton Parva set on the hillside.

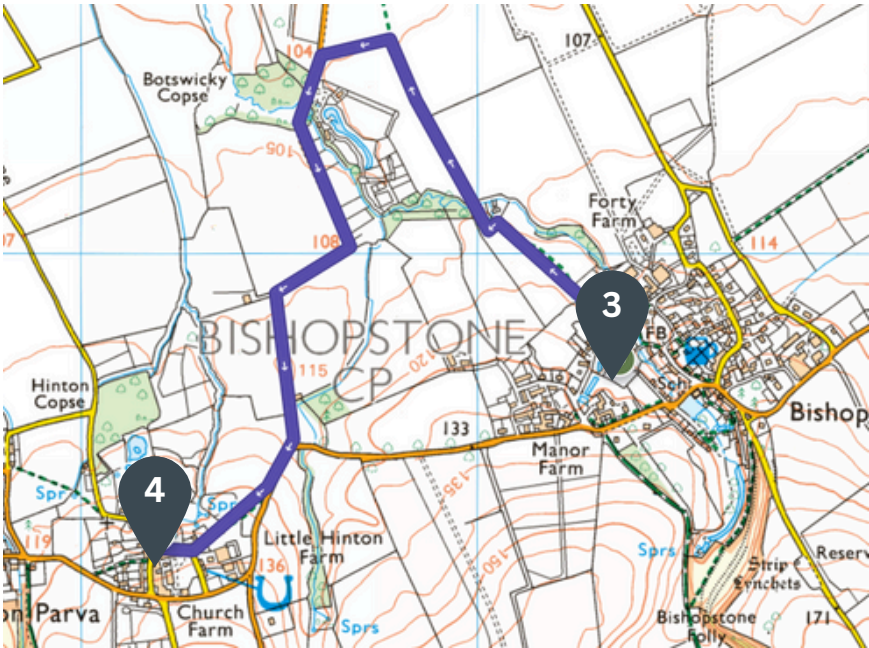
Distance	Duration
2.85 km 1.8 mi	0.45
Difficulty	Elevation
Easy	30 m



3 St Mary's
Bishopstone
SN6 8PY



4 St Swithun's
Hinton Parva
SN4 0DL



Mindful Moment - St Mary's to St Swithun's

As you leave the higher Ridgeway path behind, you enter the gentle plains, passing fields, homes, and the places where everyday life unfolds. Here, pay attention not only to the path beneath your feet but also to those you travel with and among.

Pray for wisdom to journey well in life – to choose paths that nurture connection and respect for others who share the way with you.

Take a moment to be thankful for companions along the road. Life is as much about the relationships we build on the journey as it is about reaching the destination.

St Mary’s Church to St Swithun’s Church

Route Directions

- Leave the church porch and turn immediately right along the churchyard path to the bench.
- Take the left-hand path before the gates.
- After the small bridge, turn left, then left again at the footbridge.
- Continue and turn right into the church car park at the road.
- Go through the left-hand gate from the car park.
- Follow the footpath up the left-hand side of the first field, through the gate, and continue up the left-hand side of the next field to the top left corner.
- Go through the gate, over the small bridge, and through another gate.
- Turn right into the next field, through the gate, then cross the concrete tractor bridge into the following field.
- Keep to the right-hand field edge to the end.
- Turn left here, towards the road on the left-hand side.
- At the road, turn left towards Hinton, keeping to the right-hand side and listening for traffic.

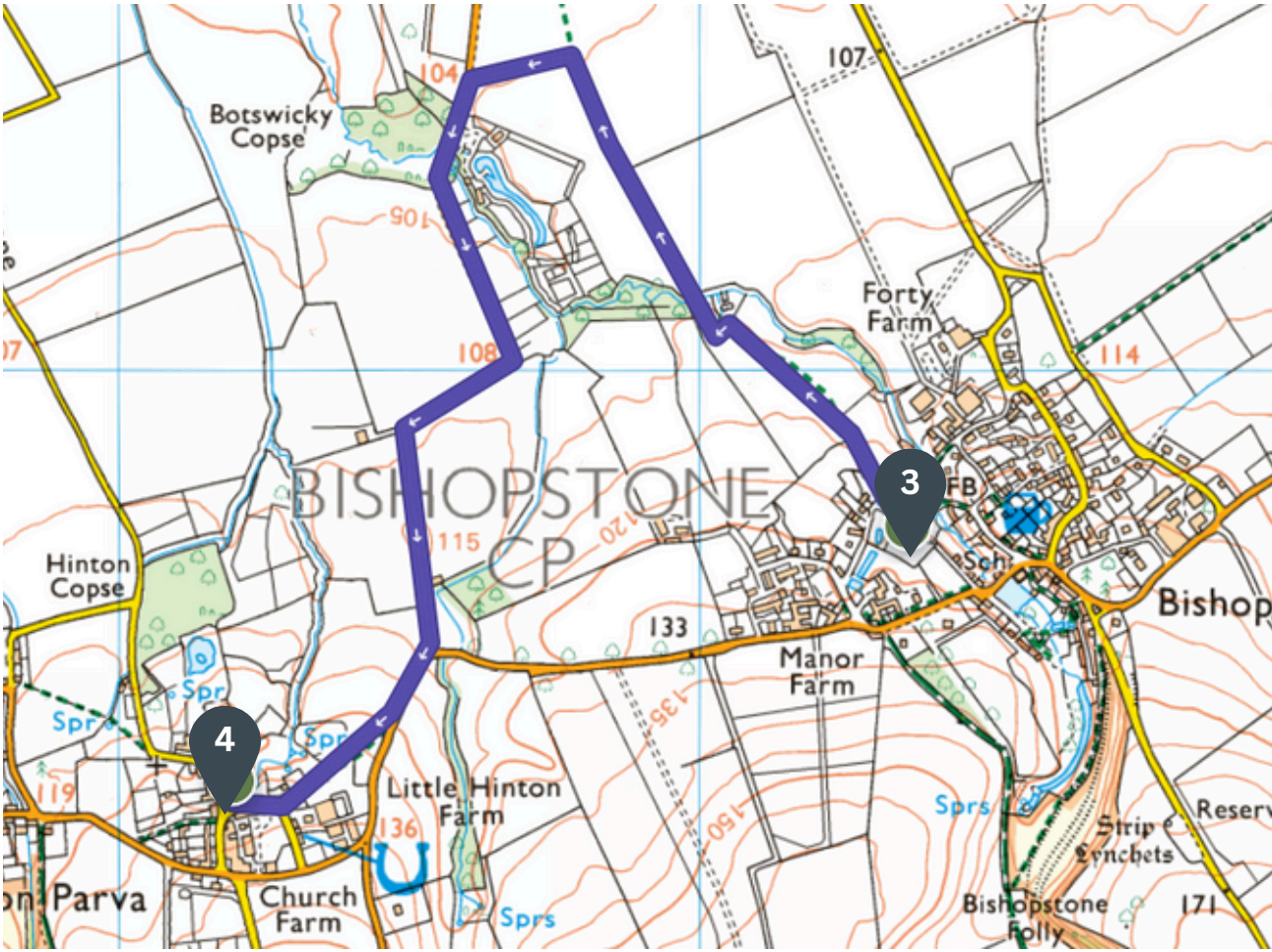
Distance
2.85 km **1.8** mi

Difficulty
Easy

Duration
0.45

Elevation
30 m

- At the T-junction, turn right up the hill, staying on the right-hand side of the road.
- Take the first footpath on the right.
- Go through the gate, cross the field slightly left, through another gate, into the next field.
- Continue through the gate onto a wide grass track.
- Pass the graveyard on the right-hand side.
- At the road, turn right and follow to St Swithun’s Church, Hinton Parva, on the right.



St Swithun’s Church to St Andrew’s Church

Route Summary

Leave St Swithun’s and follow lanes, farm tracks, and woodland paths through Warneage Wood and along Pack Hill. Continue through fields and village lanes, returning to St Andrew’s Church, Wanborough to complete the pilgrimage.

Distance	Duration
4 km 2.5 mi	1.10
Difficulty	Elevation
Easy	70 m



4 St Swithun’s
Hinton Parva
SN4 ODL



1 St Andrew’s
Wanborough
SN4 OBZ



Mindful Moment - St Swithun’s to St Andrew’s

As the journey nears its end, you may feel your body growing tired, while your spirit feels renewed, cleansed, and restored. Pause to reflect on the journey you have taken, and begin to prepare for re-entry into everyday life.

Consider what is truly important, what may need attention, and what can be let go. Give thanks for the good, and hold in prayer the difficult, painful, or challenging aspects you may face ahead.

Remember the promise of Christ: “I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

St Swithun’s Church to St Andrew’s Church

Route Directions

- Turn right outside the church, then right again, and follow the road past the Manor House.
- At the left-hand bend, go through the gate on the left (before the road bends right).
- Cross the field to a kissing gate, then continue through the next field to the road at City Corner.
- Go straight ahead, keeping Nether Water Cottage on your right, and follow City Corner Road to Home Farm.
- Turn right down The Byre. At the barn, keep right and follow the track under the trees.
- Continue along the right-hand field edge. At the bottom, turn left towards the trees.
- Cross the footbridge and stile, then head across the field to the gap opposite.
- Cross the double stile, then follow the hedge on the right.
- Continue over the next stile, bridge, and kissing gate, and bear left towards the stable block.
- Go through the gate and follow the path to the road in Wanborough.
- Turn right to the small roundabout.

Distance	Duration
4 km 2.5 mi	1.10
Difficulty	Elevation
Easy	70 m

- Turn left along Rotten Row towards Upper Wanborough.
- At the sharp left bend, go straight ahead into Warneage Wood (do not turn right).
- At the end of the houses, turn left uphill, keeping the houses on your left.
- Go through the kissing gate, follow the right-hand track, then turn sharp left up the gravel track.
- Bear slightly right, through the kissing gate, and continue through the wood by the stream to Church Road.
- Turn right along Church Road, then left up The Lynch Field.
- At the top, enter the playing field.
- St Andrew’s Church, Wanborough will be on your left.

